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SUBJECT: SPECIAL IV PROJECT - GREEK PARLIAMENTARIANS

REF: STATE 166006

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S EFFORT AND DECISION TO FUND SPECIAL IV PROJECT FOR FIVE GREEK PARLIAMENTARIANS. SEPTEMBER 20 DATE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE, AND WE WILL BE SUBMITTING NOMINEES IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. FYI: WHEN WE DISCUSSED THIS PROGRAM IN JUNE WITH THE PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT PAPACONSTANTINOU (ATHENS 5987), HE MADE CLEAR HIS DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION OF THE GRANTEES, ALONG WITH THE HEADS OF THE OTHER PARTIES WHICH WOULD BE PARTICIPATING. HOWEVER, WHEN WE INFORMED HIM ON JULY 8 THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT HE APPARENTLY HAD SECOND THOUGHTS. HE TOLD US THAT WHILE HE WOULD MAKE THREE DEPUTIES IN HIS NEW DEMOCRACY PARTY VERY HAPPY BE NOMINATING THEM FOR THE PROGRAM, HE WOULD ALSO MAKE THE REMAINING 211 ND DEPUTIES VERY UNHAPPY AND HEAR ABOUT IT FROM THEM FOR MONTHS TO COME (EVERYBODY WANTS TO GO THE UNITED STATES). HE WOULD PREFER, THEREFORE, THAT THE EMBASSY SELECT THE CANDIDATES BOTH FROM HIS PARTY AND FROM THE OPPOSITION. WE OF COURSE AGREED TO THIS. WE DO NOT THINK THAT THERE WILL BE ANY DIFFICULTY IN PRODUCING A FIRST-RATE DELEGATION TO START PROGRAM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20. WE WILL ADVISE NAMES, BIOGRAPHIC AND TRAVEL DATA SOONEST.

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